

REMARKS

In response to a requirement for election of species dated March 15, 2011, Applicants elect Species I and amend the application. Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to the non-elected species.

Species I Claim Identification

Applicants identify claims 1-23, 25, 36-41, 47 and 48 as encompassing the elected Species I. Claims 24, 26-30 and 42-46 have been withdrawn. Claims 31-35 have been canceled.

Applicants note that references in the claims to “actuating devices” correspond to FIG. 2 (Species 2), however it should be understood by the Examiner that upon the allowance of independent claims 1 and 36, upon which claims 24, 26-30 and 42-46 depend, the withdrawn claims should be re-examined for rejoinder, in accordance with M.P.E.P. §821.04.

General Remarks

This application was submitted as a US National Phase Application over THREE years ago based on PCT Application No. PCT/IL2005/000135, filed on February 4, 2005. Applicants note that all the claims currently pending were indicated in the IPRP issued by the EPO acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as meeting the criteria of PCT Articles 33(2) - 33(4). In view of the favorable IPRP, Applicants submit that the application is in order for allowance. A swift notice to this effect is respectfully requested in view of the extraordinarily long pendency before the USPTO.

In the event that the Examiner believes that there are problems which would make it impossible to issue an allowance for all the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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